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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: OFEK et al. )  
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For: A SWITCHING SYSTEM AND )  
METHODOLOGY HAVING )  
SCHEDULED CONNECTION ON )  
INPUT AND OUTPUT PORTS )  
RESPONSIVE TO COMMON )  
TIME REFERENCE )  
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Serial Number: 09/535,831 )  
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Filed: March 28, 2000 )  
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Art Unit: 2662 )  
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Attorney Docket: SYN 1756 )

**AMENDMENT B**

Attention: Office of Petitions  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this Amendment B responsive to (1) the Final Office Action—Date Mailed: December 03, 2003, Paper No. 6, for which a response was originally due March 03, 2004; (2) Advisory Action—Date Mailed: August 09, 2004, Paper No. 12; (3) responsive to Examiner Levitan's telephone conversations with the office of Applicants' Attorney on December 9, 2005, December 12, 2005 and January 9, 2006; (4) responsive to Examiner Kizou's telephone conversations with Applicants' Attorney on January 10, 2006 and January 12, 2006; (5) responsive to the Decision on Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(a)—Copy Date Mailed: February 13, 2008; and (6) responsive to the teleconference between Applicants' Attorney and Senior Petitions Attorney Christina Tatera Donnell on April 3, 2008.

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*Please amend the Specification as follows:*

(page 1, lines 2 and 3 of the original specification)

RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This application is a continuation-in-part of application serial number: 09/120,636, filed July 22, 1998—now issued patent number: 6,272,131, issued August 7, 2001—which claims priority from provisional patent application serial number: 60/088,983, filed June 11 1998.